

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to compositions of and methods for producing timed or retarded release formulations that contain glucosamine sulfate, beta- (1,4)-2-amino-2-deoxy-D-glucose, and chondroitin, $(C_{14} H_{19} N O_{14} S Na_2)_n$; N-acetylchondrosamine (2-acetamide-2-deoxy—D-galactopiranos) and D-gluoronic acid copolymer and/or their dietary and nutraceutically acceptable salts of the same and/or hydrates of the active substance that provide a timed release formulation of the active substance.